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SUBJ: GOI DENIES PRESS REPORTS RE REPLACEMENT OF AMBASSADOR DINITZ

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THERE HAVE BEEN FLURRY OF PRESS STORIES, SPECULATION AND GOSSIP IN RECENT DAYS REGARDING ALLEGED GOVERNMENT DECISION TO REPLACE ISRAEL'S CURRENT AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON SIMCHA DINITZ SOMETIME NEXT YEAR WITH FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF DAVID ELAZAR (REFTEL, PARAS 16-18). IN RESPONSE, SPOKESMEN OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE ISSUED OFFICIAL DENIALS.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DECEMBER 18 GOI PRESS BULLETIN:
"(JERUSALEM)-ALL RUMOURS AND TALK TO THE EFFECT THAT ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, MR. SIMCHA DINITZ, IS ABOUT TO BE REPLACED ARE TOTALLY UNFOUNDED. THIS WAS STATED YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) BY A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN".
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3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: PM'S DIRECTOR GENERAL ERAN TOLD AMBASSADOR AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON DECEMBER 18 THAT

THESE REPORTS WERE "NONSENSE" BUT DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL MFA EVRON TOLD HIM SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THAT NEITHER RABIN NOR ALLON WAS SATISFIED WITH DINITZ'S PERFORMANCE AND THAT HE INDEED WOULD BE REPLACED SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. AS WE SEE IT, RABIN APPARENTLY FEELS THAT THIS IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO ANNOUNCE A CHANGE, BUT THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT IT IS IN THE OFFING. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT ELAZAR HAS THE INSIDE TRACK FOR THE JOB, AS HE IS KNOWN TO BE CLOSE TO RABIN AND IS ALSO THOUGH TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALLON. WE DO NOT KNOW, HOWEVER, WHETHER RABIN HAS YET REACHED A FINAL DECISION. TOON

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